

Centenary *Chimes*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Pastor's Pen

"Touching Heaven and Changing Earth" is a praise song title from Hillsong Church in Australia. These very words speak so powerfully to me because I believe these are exactly what the Church Universal stands for - to honor and give glory to God by our whole being (touching heaven), and to transform the world to build the Kingdom of God on earth (changing earth). This vision stands in alignment with the United Methodist mission of making "disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world". To touch heaven and change earth as a United Methodist church, Centenary needs to worship God in spirit and truth, study and teach the Bible faithfully, pray diligently, serve God always, reach out to those in need, be involved in justice ministries, and to indiscriminately share God's love with everyone.



Since December 2016, I've been working with the Vision Implementation Team to come up with a new mission statement for Centenary UMC. Seriously, if you were asked to recall our current mission statement, can you do it in a heartbeat? After spending much time in prayerful discussion, we came to a mutual understanding that we would like our church to live out the UMC's mission statement by being "a place where we ENRICH lives through experiencing God's love and become EMPOWERED to IMPACT the world." In short, Centenary seeks to ENRICH, EMPOWER, and IMPACT. This new mission statement was presented and adopted at the most recent Church Council meeting.

This means if anyone asks you why Centenary exists, your task, as a member and friend of Centenary, is to share those THREE words: ENRICH, EMPOWER, and IMPACT. I wholeheartedly believe that Centenary can be a place where people come to encounter

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Centenary Finances

Giving report for February 2017 from Gail Nishinaka, Treasurer

	Actual January	Actual Year to Date	Budget February	Budget Year to Date
Pledges	\$10,180	\$51,494	\$13,083	\$26,167
Unpledged Giving	\$3,241	\$10,295	\$5,900	\$11,800

NOTE: \$28,815 of the actual YTD pledge amount are from pledgers who have given their total annual pledge.

Mission Statement

Centenary's New Mission Statement:
ENRICH, EMPOWER, IMPACT.



Church Events

April 9 - Palm Sunday Worship
@ 10:45 a.m.

April 13 - Manju Making Day
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service
w/ Communion & Dinner @ 6 p.m.

April 14 - Good Friday Service @5 p.m.

April 16 – Easter Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.,
Joint Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Regular Events

Nihongo Bible Study - 11:00 am Sunday

Chikara Practice - 1:30 pm Sunday

Monday Bible Study - 6:00 pm

Minyo Japanese Dance Class - T,W

Karate - 7:30 pm MW

Classical Japanese Dance Class -

7:30 pm MW



OUR PRAYERS

We lift up prayers for these persons and families:
In remembrance of these saints who now rest from their labor...

Patricia Yeiko Miwa passed away on February 28, 2017.
Private Family service was held at Fukui Mortuary.

Emi Nogawa passed away in February 23, 2017.
Service was held at Green Hills Memorial Park.

Sam Shigeru Miyamoto passed away on March 7, 2017.
Service was held at Centenary UMC on April 8th
with Pastor Sunyoung Lee and Dist. Supt. Mark Nakagawa.

Fred Liu passed away on March 16, 2017.
Funeral Service was held at Rose Hills Memorial Park
on March 31st with Rev. Dr. Richard Kuyama.

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God's love and therefore have their lives be deeply enriched by such experience. Through fellowship, worship, service, and study, we can empower people spiritually, emotionally, socially, and morally. Ultimately, this concept of ENRICH and EMPOWER is important, not merely to remain open on the corner of 3rd and Central, but to make a positive impact in the world in the name of Christ.

Friends, you know I love giving you (simple) tasks. Next time you see me, I invite you to say "ENRICH, EMPOWER, IMPACT" to show that you know and hopefully believe in our new mission statement.

Peace,
Rev. Sunyoung Lee

United Methodist Church Book of Discipline, 93.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Starting this year, we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the Easter Sunday (Apr. 16, 2017) with special music, children's skit, and delicious brunch (\$4 per person). Palm Sunday is on April 9th and it will be a regular service, including the procession of the palms. Come and join us for these special worship occasions!



Acknowledgements

Donations from 3/2 to

Judy Asazawa *in memory of Janet Yoshii*
Judy Asazawa *in memory of Yei Miwa*
Chikara Daiko *Special Offering*
Steve & Jan Haruta *in memory of Rev. Paul Hagiya*
Kevin & Julie Hubbard *in memory of Emi Serizawa*
Clifford & Mui Koike *Special Offering, Lent*
Lori Matsuno *in memory of Mrs. Shinagawa, Mrs. Sakurai, Mrs. Miwa*
Lori Matsuno *in memory of Mrs. Nogawa*
Ray Mayeda *in memory of Rose Mayeda*
Kumiko Shibuya *Birthday Offering, Rev. Paul Hagiya*
Hisako Shohara *Birthday Offering*
Susan Tamaki *Special Offering*
Paul Tamaki *Special Offering*

UMCOR Sunday

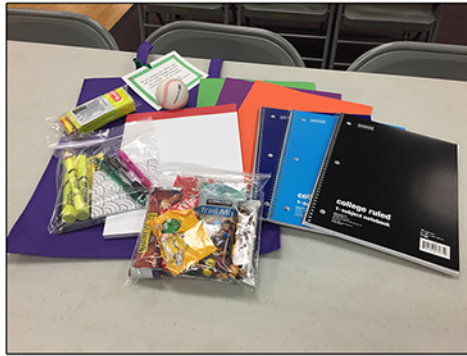
Elston & Verna Carr	Vicky Leon
Mary Enomoto	Victor & Cynthia Lew
Steve & Jan Haruta	Wendell & Jane Oyama
Judge Ernie Hiroshige	Dennis Park
Dora Kunishige	Mark & Kathy Sadamitsu
Harry & Carole Kuruma	Skeeter & Carole Sasaki
Rev. Sunyoung Lee	Carolyn Tokunaga

Kid City Spring Care Package

Susan Edwards	Harry & Carole Kuruma
Mary Enomoto	Angel Nishinaka
Carolyn Fujita	Marilyn Nobori
Sandee Furuta	Pat, Gloria, & Caitlin O'Brien
Judge Ernie Hiroshige	France Wong

**We Thank You For
Your Contributions**

KID CITY SPRING CARE PROJECT



For the 100 Kid City college students, this has been a difficult time. Some are “Dreamers” who were brought to the United States as children, some are citizens but worried about family and friends who might be caught up in the current immigration issues, and all feel the tensions that surround them. The 100 care packages that were delivered to Kid City were a way for Centenary to show support for their educational goals, and the personal notes written by the congregation that accompanied the bags expressed our concern.

The bags contained: 3 spiral notebooks, a large note pad, 3 two-pocket folders, 3 highlighters, 3 pens, a small memo pad, popcorn, 2 granola bars, trail mix, hot chocolate, tea, fun size candy bars, a Kleenex packet, Advil, and Chapstick.

We thank our shoppers: Mui Koike, Susie Koo, Dorothy Goerke, Gloria O’Brien, Jane Oyama, Lilia Hansbrough, Mary Enomoto, Ted Yamada and all those who made the monetary donations that allowed us to buy what was needed. We thank our assemblers: Stephanie Leese, Vicky Leon, Gloria O’Brien, Carole Sasaki, Harry Kuruma, Terry Miyashiro-Tsunoda, and Dorothy Goerke with Kris Leese and Jonathan Oyama providing quality control when we had left over items. Skeeter Sasaki and Carolyn Tokunaga delivered all to Hope Place.

Spring break is a busy time for the Kid City college students as they participate in many activities at Hope Place. Our bags will accompany them back to school with our prayers and hopes.

Interim Editor

Nancy Hayata is serving as our interim Chimes editor. If you have any announcements or articles to be included in future issues, please email them to her at centenarychimes@gmail.com.



CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Arigato BAZAAR



MAY 6, 2017
10 AM - 6 PM

HOURLY DRAWINGS

Free Entertainment and Demonstrations
TAIKO, KARATE, DANCE, MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

GRAND PRIZE

SILENT AUCTION

\$1000

FOOD | BAKED GOODS | COUNTRY STORE
PLANTS & FLOWERS | HANDMADE CRAFTS

EARLY BIRD

Free Activities for Children and Games with Prizes

\$500

CULTURAL EXHIBITS:
IKEBANA DISPLAYS

Public Ondo Dancing begins @ 4 PM

MORE INFO | 213.617.9097 | www.sharecentenary.org
WHERE | 300 S. Central Aveue Los Angeles, CA 90013
FREE PARKING & SHUTTLE | 420 E. Third Street
Enter parking structure on Boyd Street UNTIL 6 PM

Arigato Bazaar

It's that time of year when Centenary comes together for the annual Arigato Bazaar on Saturday, May 6th from 10:00AM – 6:00PM. Returning Bazaar Chair, Ted Yamada, along with the bazaar committee are preparing for a festive day of fun and fellowship.

Find a special gift at the Handmade Goods or great bargains at the Country Store; place your bid on the item that catches your eye at the Silent Auction; enjoy tasty treats like handmade manju, teriyaki chicken bowl, Chinese chicken salad, our popular strawberry shortcake, and fish tacos – a new addition to this year's menu; and take in the all-day entertainment including taiko drumming, martial arts demonstration, Japanese Dance, and the ever-popular Public Ondo dancing starting at 4:00PM.

There will be plenty of opportunities to win prizes. Whether it is the hourly raffle drawings or the what's in your wallet, backpack, purse or pocket Game. Once again, we will award special prizes to the Top Two Ticket sellers of the 2017 Arigato Bazaar. All you need to do is to sell a lot of tickets, and turn in the stubs and money to the Church Office before May 5 at 10 am in the morning.

Bottled Water Donations - We are asking for cases of bottled water (16.9 fluid oz / 500ml) for the bazaar. If you would like to donate, please contact Ted Yamada or Jane Rivera or drop off at church and marked "For Bazaar".

20# Bags of Cubed Ice Donations - We are asking for donations for Bags of Ice for Shaved Ice, and to keep the drinks cold. Bring it to the Church on Friday or Day of Bazaar.

Mark your calendars and invite your family and friends to join us at the Arigato Bazaar. We look forward to seeing you there!



Join Kizuna for its Summer Camp, a local summer camp for kids ages 7-13 (entering 2nd grade to entering 8th grade), centered on building a foundation of Japanese American culture and heritage.

Summer Camp is downtown LA on June 12-16, 2017, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m, at Centenary United Methodist Church. Pricing begins at \$215 per child. Please see website for more information on dates, times, locations and pricing.

Visit www.camp-kizuna-la.org or contact Paul Matsushima at paul@kizuna-la.org or (213) 973-4465 for more information. Kizuna is a Little Tokyo-based nonprofit organization dedicated to the development and nurturing of the Japanese American community's youth.

CREATIVE BAKERS & MAKERS
For the Arigato Bazaar
Baked Goods Booth
Saturday, May 6, 2017

Home Baked Pies* Cakes* Cupcakes*
Cookies Scones* Breads*
Rice Crispy Treats
Homemade* Tsukemono* Jelly's* Jam

Any Delicious, Tasty Creation
Is Appreciated!

Jars and Pie Tins will be available
From April in the Fellowship Hall
for your Yummy Creations

Thank you!
Kristi Bala * Linda Shirai